4. लघु वन उत्पाद कार्यों के लिए राज्य आदिवासी विकास सहकारी निगमों को सहायता।
5. अनुसूचित जनजाति की लड़कियों के लिए होस्टल।
6. अनुसूचित जनजाति के लड़कों के लिए होस्टल।
7. आदिवासी उप-योजना क्षेत्रों में आश्रम स्कूल।
8. आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में व्यावसायिक प्रशिक्षण।
9. आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में अनुसूचित जनजाति की लड़कियों के साक्षरता विकास के लिए कम साक्षरता पाकेटों में शैक्षणिक परिसर।
10. अनुसंधान और प्रशिक्षण।
11. ग्राम अनाज बैंक।
12. आदिम आदिवासी समूहों का विकास।
13. अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति के लिए पुस्तक बैंक।
14. अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति की प्रतिभा का उन्नयन।
15. अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों के लिए कोचिंग एवं सम्बद्ध योजना।
16. राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति वित्त एवं विकास निगम।
17. अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति के लिए मैट्रिक पूर्व छात्रवृत्ति।
18. अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति के लिए मैट्रिकोत्तर छात्रवृत्ति।
19. सिविल अधिकार संरक्षण और अत्याचार निवारण।

Minting of money from artificial limbs by NGOs

567. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news appeared in the 'Pioneer' dated the 5th May, 1998 about the MGOs minting money from artificial limbs; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The contents of the report haVe been noted. There are factual inaccuracies. Under the scheme of aids and appliances, an amount of Rs. 91.44 crores have been given as grant-in-aid since the inception of the scheme in 1981 -82. It is, therefore, not known from where the figure of Rs. 130.00 crores has been taken. Under the scheme of assistance for Purchase/ Fitting of aids/appliances, the grant is provided to centres run by the companies registered under the companies Act, Registered Societies, Trust on the basis of recommendation of the concerned State Govt./UT Admn. and Technical Evaluation report given by the National Institute(s) of the Ministry.

Appropriate action has been taken by Government on the observations made by CAG in their report.

Release of shares of FDC for STs in Maharashtra

568. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received two letters dated 21st June, 1997 and 26th' August, 1997 from Government of Maharashtra requesting for release of Central Government's 49 per cent share of the share capital of the Finance and Development Corporation for the Scheduled Tribes in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon;

(c) whether the amount is not as yet released;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when this amount will be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Govt, of Maharashtra has been requested to furnish some information/ document about ST Development Corporation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The State Government has yet to furnish the requisite information/document like a copy of the amended Articles of Association etc.

(e) As soon as the required information/ document is received, the case will be processed for release of equity contribution.

Utilisation of funds of NHWF

569. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds of National Handicapped Welfare Fund have been invested in various deposit schemes rather than utilising them on welfare of handicapped persons in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such callousness; and

(c) the remedial measures proposed to be taken by Government for proper utilisation of funds for the welfare of handicapped persons in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Madam. The fund is now renamed as National Fund for people with Disabilities.

(b) At present a sum of Rs. 8.75 crore (approx.) is available under the National Fund for People with Disabilities. The Funds available were invested in various deposit schemes, since the scheme to be funded out of National Fund for People with Disabilities could not be finalised before 6th January, 1998.

(c) Viklang Bandhu Training Programme Scheme has since been finalised to be funded from the fund. In its 10th meeting, the Board of Management of National Fund for People with Disabilities (NFPD).held on 6th January, 1998 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Welfare) has sanctioned Rs. 9.87,500/- to Six Non-Government Organisations and one DRC, Bhiwani under the above mentioned Scheme.

Assistance to **Assam for the benefit of SCs, STs and OBCs**

570. **SHRI** DRUPAD **BORGOHAIN:** Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance in terms of money sanctioned by Government to Assam for the benefit of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and OBCs for last three years;

(b) whether the assistance is given through Assam Govt, or through NGOs; and

(c) the amount given along with full details of recipients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) The details of financial assistance given to the Government of Assam for the welfare and development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are shown in the statement attached Statement-I *(See* below). No assistance has been given in respect of OBCs.

Details of financial assistance given to NGOs in the State of Assam are shown in the Statement at Statement-II.

Statement-I

Funds Released to the State Govt, of Assam under centrally sponsored scheme

(Rs. in lakhs)

SCHEDULED CASTES

S.No.	Scheme	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
1.	SCA to SCP to SCs	223.00	163.52	142.18
2.	Scheduled Castes Dev. Corpon.	30.74	11.92	15.37
3.	Post-Matric Scholarship for SC/ST	625.98	52.03	—